

GRADUATE STUDENT ASSOCIATION

All-Council Meeting Agenda

September - Senate Chambers, Talley Student Union (4th Floor)

		Est.Time
I. Food Served -6:45 PM-		
II. Call to Order		
III. Roll Call #1		5 min 7:00 pm
IV. Advisor Updates		5 min 7:05 pm
A. Dr. George Hodge: Assistant Dean Graduate School		
<i>Dr. Hodge is absent due to emergency</i>		
V. Executive Officer Updates (2 min each)		15 min 7:10 pm
A. President Tyler Allen		
<i>Trying to keep this meeting concise. Goal is to get us out by 9 so we can all watch the presidential debates.</i>		
<i>Motion made to skip break to get out early for debate. Verbal vote. Motion passes. We will not have a break.</i>		
B. Vice-President of Internal Affairs Doug Czajka		
<i>Doug is not here. No update</i>		
<i>Tyler reminds everyone to turn in letter of credentials. They are due on Saturday! Email Doug (gsa-vpinternal@ncsu.edu) with any questions</i>		
C. Vice-President of External Affairs Melissa White		
<i>Not much to report. All external committee spots are full. If you are interested in serving, reach out to Student Body President.</i>		
D. Vice-President of Academic Affairs Jessica Nash		
<i>Award for Conferences deadline passed. Committee is evaluating.</i>		
E. Vice-President of Communications Chelsea Doub		
<i>Everyone should have been added to the email list. If you have not been added to the appropriate committee email list, email Chelsea(gsa-vpcommunications@ncsu.edu).</i>		
<i>Adding form to website to allow reps to request to be added or removed from listserv. Will be in Administrative Documents under past minutes for this year.</i>		
F. Treasurer Federico Scholcover		
<i>We are spending money, but not too much money. Good job! Windows update prevents Freddy from giving more details.</i>		
<i>Expense report form is online.</i>		
<i>If you have questions, email Freddy (gsa-treasurer@ncsu.edu)</i>		
G. Secretary Rachel Atkins		
<i>Rachel is absent.</i>		
VI. NAGPS LADs (Nathan)		15 min 7:25 pm

A. Legislative Action Days Update

5 min

Update from Nathan Corder.

- NAGPS send students twice a year to congress to lobby for graduate students (Legislative Action Days)
- Healthcare, domestic renewal of F1 visas, open access, unionization (private institutions are now allowed to unionize)
- Free Access to Science and Technology Research in Senate for vote (open access research).
- Rep. Holding, Jones, Tillis, Burr (others).
- Spent most of time talking about healthcare issue.
- Met with Dept of labor -> possible let students roll F1 into extension if they start a small business (want 2-5 years). Business has to make a tangible product.
- **Question:** Legislative Action Days – Open to any students at NC State? (yes! You do not have to be a citizen)
- **Question:** More information on F1 rollover visa. (MIT had meeting with Dept. of Labor. They forwarded today information on a webinar Oct 19. Nathan will forward information on this to exec board)
- Nathan notes that the spring session will be more important because it is not a “lame duck” session.
- John M– we do not go to NAGPS conferences.
- Question of students can go to lobby for personal opinions such as concealed carry. (Nathan – yes (I believe – verify?))

B. Health Care Changes

10 min

- In Feb IRS issued that graduate students should be considered as employee. Now subsidizing health care is no longer allowed. One year of leniency was given. University can be fined up to \$100 per day per student for not complying.
- Missouri students unionized. Carnegie Mellon increased stipends and students were not eligible for medicare/Medicaid because income was too high.
- One option is that we would be put on the general student health insurance and would have to pay for it (perhaps stipends would be increased). It's an option the university is looking into, but are unsure if it will still violate conditions.
- Letter going around to get one more year of leniency

QUESTIONS

Does this affect us going to the health center?

It should not affect ability to use health center. May affect physical therapy, radiology. Student health fees cover majority of general visits unless you need to see a specialist.

GSSP RA/TA plan?

This is the type of health insurance which will be affected predominantly. May also affect fellowships such as NSF.

Why does this affect us if we're still enrolled as students?

(2013) IRS declared graduate students are employees, therefore, we do not qualify for subsidized health insurance.

We can actually unionize (Tyler says), but we can't go on strike or negotiate contracts

Dean Grasso is aware that this is causing anxiety amongst grad students. Will want to bring in grad students for feedback further along in negotiations with Blue Cross & Blue Shield.

NAGPS will be setting up call your senator day OR we can organize something like this on our own.

This is nation-wide. Q: Have any other universities found a reasonable solution to this? A: No, not really.

Is there a way we can have this in writing for graduate students?
*Letter from American Council of Education for Senators (~2 pages).
Melissa will send to GSA Rep list at end of meeting.*

VII. GSA Internal Standing Committees Updates (Committee Chair) 35 min 7:40 pm
(Limit to 5 minutes per committee)

A. Special Projects and Political Action

The PAC has put together initial projects for year

- Healthcare issue
- Looking in to NC State Alcohol Policy
- NC Residency – best practices documents. How to apply, what to do and when.
- Working with RRC to get more funding with University Development
- Off-campus housing for new students
- Veterans Affairs – one rep is on a special committee to make sure grad student voice is heard
- Management survey – hope to have conclusions in next meeting
- Suggestion – Engineering fee. There is a form online if you have suggestions.

B. Departmental Outreach & Leadership

- *Chair not elected. No updates*

C. Community Service

- *Collecting items for children in need. Half will go to Operation Christmas Child and half will go to a local school.*
- *Please avoid toys which are related to violence.*

D. Research Recognition

- *Desiree is not present tonight*
- *Update -*

E. Publicity

- Publicity committee hasn't met yet because of rollovers with VP Comm and VP PR.
- F. Social
- Social has had two meetings.
 - Two events this semester:
 - Social at Raleigh Brewing (Oct. 27)
 - Hockey Game (Tentatively Nov. 18)
 - Social committee is already working on formal.
 - Asks for collaboration with Publicity Committee to publicize events.
- G. Teaching Effectiveness
- Committee went through budgeting.
 - TA Soiree this semester
 - TA Awards next semester
 - Want to do TA survey
 - Inform TAs of available resources

VIII. ~~Stretch Break~~ Meet your Neighbor

15 min

8:15 pm

IX. Fee Review Committee

20 min

8:30 pm

Ad hoc student fee committee. Goal is to go through fees and decide which fees to increase

A(8:00 pm)

Doug is our voting member on the committee.

Tuition & Fees - 2013 – We have one of lowest tuition rates compared to peers. However, 4th highest fee rates.

See powerpoint presented at the meeting here (https://gsa.ncsu.edu/wp-content/uploads/2016/09/fee_committee_presentation.pdf)

X. Vice President of Public Relations Election

15 min

8:50 pm

Position is open. Nominations are open now.

John Milward nominates himself for the position.

We now have two nominees – the other is Ben Dictus, who is unable to attend due to a previous commitment.

Tyler is giving a statement for Ben (statement has been emailed because Ben is unable to attend tonight).

A (8:15 pm)

John gave a statement on qualifications/interest in position.

Ben Dictus is elected as VP of Public Relations.

XI. Good Standing Discussion

10 min

9:05 pm

Turn in Letter of Credentials – make sure the information is correct

Turn in expense report at the end of the year.

These two items are what are used to determine the amount of money you get in the following year.

A (8:43 pm)

Note on attendance – you cannot miss more than one meeting. If two or greater meetings are missed your chapter falls out of good standing and your departmental rebate is risked. Attendance is available online

Expense report discussion – motion to move to later date. If you have specific questions, please feel free to email execs (group-gsa-execs@ncsu.edu)

XII. Open Floor – Comments and Announcements – (Limit to 2 5 min **9:10 pm**
minute per representative)

Sugandha – Any concerns on status of women at NC State. If you have any thoughts (sugand@ncsu.edu)

XIII. Adjournment

Next scheduled meeting of the GSA Council: Monday, October 31th at 6:45 PM